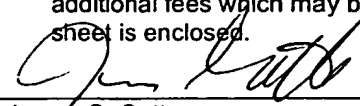


<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)</b>			Docket No. 23632-002
In re Application of: Dazhi CHEN et al.			
Serial No. 09/461,336	Filing Date December 15, 1999	Examiner Bryan J. JAKETIC	Group Art Unit 3627
Invention: <b>SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REDUCING EXCESS CAPACITY FOR RESTAURANTS AND OTHER INDUSTRIES DURING OFF-PEAK OR OTHER TIMES</b>			
<b><u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</u></b>			
This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>September 9, 2003</u> in the above-identified application.			
The requested extension is as follows:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month <input type="checkbox"/> Two months <input type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Four months <input type="checkbox"/> Five months			
The requested extension is as follows:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Large entity			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small entity			
Verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 C.F.R. 1.27			
<input type="checkbox"/> Is enclosed.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Has already been filed in this application.			
The fee for the extension of time is <u>\$55.00</u> and is to be paid as follows:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check including the amount of the fee is enclosed.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Charge the amount of the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0311. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0311. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.			
 James G. Gatto Registration No. 32.694 MINTZ, LEVIN, COHN, FERRIS, GLOVSKY AND POPEO P.C. 12010 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 900 Reston, Virginia 20190 (703) 464-4800		Dated: <u>January 9, 2004</u>	
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